

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 19-31 are pending. By this Amendment, the specification and claims 1, 24-25, and 28-29 are amended. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the June 24, 2010 telephone interview. The points discussed are incorporated herein.

The Examiner is further thanked for the indication that claims 19-21 and 23-31 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 24-25, and 29 have been amended to obviate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. However, for the reasons set forth below, claims 19-21 and 23-26 have not been rewritten in independent form at this time.

The Office Action objected to the specification and the drawings, in particular Fig. 9C. As agreed during the June 24, 2010 telephone interview, these objections will be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 19-31 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. As agreed during the June 24, 2010 telephone interview, the amendments to independent claim 1 overcome this rejection. Hence, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Albarda, U.S. Patent No. 4,527,463. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a supplementary torque providing part, wherein the connecting rod includes a first connecting part connected to the piston and a second connecting part connected to the eccentric part at the crank shaft, and wherein the supplementary torque providing part includes a first elastic member provided between the first connecting part and the second connecting part, and having opposite ends connected to the first connecting part and the second connecting part, respectively, to form an outer circumferential surface, and a second elastic member fitted inside of the first elastic member, wherein the first and second elastic members are bent in compression and re-expansion of the refrigerant. As agreed during the June 24, 2010 telephone interview, Albarda does not disclose or suggest at least such features of independent claim 1, or the claimed combination.

Accordingly, the rejection of independent claim 1 over Albarda should be withdrawn. Dependent claim 22 is allowable over Albarda at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 1, from which it depends, as well as for its added features.

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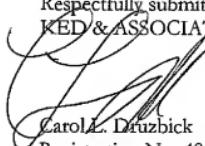
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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